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# H. CON. RES. 715

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 13, 1970

Mr. WIALEN (for himself, Mr. FRASER, Mr. BUTTON, Mr. FINDLEY, Mr. HALPERN, Mr. MORSE, Mr. RIEGLE, and Mr. ROBISON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1     *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2     *concurring)*, That there is established a Joint Committee on  
3     Intelligence (hereafter, in this concurrent resolution, referred  
4     to as the joint committee) to be composed of seven Members  
5     of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate,  
6     and seven Members of the House of Representatives to be  
7     appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
8     Not more than four Members from either the House or the  
9     Senate shall be members of the same political party. Of the  
10    seven Members to be appointed by the House of Representa-  
11    tives, two shall be members of the Committee on Foreign  
12    Affairs, and two shall be members of the Committee on

1 Armed Services. Of the seven Members to be appointed by  
2 the Senate, two shall be members of the Committee on For-  
3 eign Relations, and two shall be members of the Committee  
4 on Armed Services.

5       SEC. 2. (a) The joint committee shall make continuing  
6 studies of the intelligence activities and problems relating to  
7 the gathering of intelligence affecting the national security  
8 and of its coordination and utilization by the various de-  
9 partments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Govern-  
10 ment. The Central Intelligence Agency, the Defense Intel-  
11 ligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the Bureau  
12 of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State,  
13 Army Intelligence, Navy Intelligence, Air Force Intelli-  
14 gence, and other services engaged in foreign intelligence  
15 activities shall keep the joint committee fully and currently  
16 informed with respect to their activities. The joint commit-  
17 tee shall seek to eliminate unnecessary competition and  
18 duplication of effort by the services engaged in foreign in-  
19 telligence activities.

20       (b) All bills, resolutions, and other matters in the  
21 Senate or House of Representatives relating primarily to the  
22 agencies referred to in subsection (a) and to any other  
23 agency engaged in foreign intelligence activities shall be  
24 referred to the joint committee.

25       (c) The joint committee shall seek to insure that covert

1 action programs are as few as necessary to guarantee the  
2 national security and that such programs are not inconsis-  
3 ent with publicly expressed national policy.

4 (d) The joint committee shall make continuing investi-  
5 gations and studies, and shall make recommendations, with  
6 respect to the practices and methods used in the intelligence  
7 services to classify information.

8 (e) Two members of the joint committee, one a Mem-  
9 ber of the House and the other a Member of the Senate,  
10 shall be appointed by the chairman to serve, at the invita-  
11 tion of the President, as representatives to, and nonvoting  
12 members of, the United States Intelligence Board.

13 (f) The members of the joint committee who are Mem-  
14 bers of the Senate shall from time to time report to the Sen-  
15 ate, and the members of the joint committee who are Mem-  
16 bers of the House of Representatives shall from time to time  
17 report to the House, by bill or otherwise, their recommenda-  
18 tions with respect to matters within the jurisdiction of their  
19 respective Houses which are (1) referred to the joint com-  
20 mittee, or (2) otherwise within the jurisdiction of the joint  
21 committee.

22 SEC. 3. Vacancies in the membership of the joint com-  
23 mittee shall not affect the power of the remaining members  
24 to execute the functions of the joint committee, and shall be  
25 filled in the same manner as in the case of the original selec-

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1 tion. The joint committee shall select a chairman and vice  
2 chairman from among its members.

3 SEC. 4. The joint committee, or any duly authorized sub-  
4 committee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings, to sit  
5 and act at such places and times, to require, by subpoena or  
6 otherwise, the attendance of such witnesses and the produc-  
7 tion of such books, papers, and documents, to administer such  
8 oaths, to take such testimony, to procure such printing and  
9 binding, and to make such expenditures as it deems advisable.

10 SEC. 5. The joint committee is empowered to appoint  
11 such experts, consultants, technicians, and clerical and steno-  
12 graphic assistants as it deems necessary and advisable. The  
13 committee is authorized to utilize the services, information,  
14 facilities, and personnel of the departments and establish-  
15 ments of the Government on a reimbursable basis with the  
16 prior consent of the heads of the departments or agencies  
17 concerned.

18 SEC. 6. The expenses of the joint committee shall be  
19 paid from the contingent fund of the House of Representa-  
20 tives upon vouchers signed by the chairman.

21 SEC. 7. The joint committee shall take special care to  
22 safeguard information affecting the national security.

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### **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To establish a Joint Committee on Intelligence,  
and for other purposes.

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By Mr. WHALEN, Mr. FRASER, Mr. BUTTON, Mr.  
FINDLEY, Mr. HALPERN, Mr. MORSE, Mr.  
RIEGLE, and Mr. ROBISON

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